10 rupees minimum, either in their own name or in the name of their family can contest elections for Panchayatdars' places. It seems that more efficient persons could be had from amongst the category of persons I have mentioned in this resolution than could be had from the tax-paying class. Therefore without any further comments I place the resolution before the House for its consideration and acceptance.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—I second it.

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—Sir, this subject was discussed in the last Budget Session and Government then made it clear that they do appreciate the question of prescribing literary qualifications for Panchayatdars but the main object in insisting on property qualification is to secure persons who would remain on the spot and who would exercise some influence on the everyday administration of the Panchayat. If they are merely School Finals they will be always on the look out for appointments. Since this point has been brought to the notice of the Government again Government are prepared to examine the matter further. This was once brought to the notice of the Advisory Committee also. It will be again taken to the Advisory Committee and examined further.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government).*—I suggest that a more detailed consideration may be postponed until the Advisory Committee has taken up the matter for consideration.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri).*—May I know what was the decision of the Committee when this matter was placed before them?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—No decision was arrived at but the matter was postponed for the next meeting.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri).*—I only pray that the consideration may be expedited. I request the House may be pleased to allow me to withdraw the resolution.

Resolution was, by leave, withdrawn.

18. Sanitary Improvements to Mattancheri.

Mr. M. V. Cherian *(Mattancheri, South).*—"*This Council recommends to the Government to take adequate steps for removing the filthy and insanitary plots lying within Mattancheri*".

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Now this resolution was only tabled to draw the attention of the Government and more especially the Director of Public Health—to invite him just to come and visit certain suburbs of Mattancheri. Even within 150 yards of the main road of Mattancheri there is a place named Eraveli. During six or seven months of the year the whole place is a swamp of water and filth. I think during the rainy season there will be water knee-deep and mosquitos are bred very much. The local Municipality in spite of all their efforts could not keep the place in a sanitary condition. It is nearly five or six acres. It is a dirty filthy area. During the high tide in the canal close by, even in summer season, water flows into this and along with it filth is accumulated. It is in the heart of the town and absolutely nothing has been done to improve it. I request the Director of Public Health just to see that plot. There are certain other marshy places also within the vicinity of the main road. I request the Director of Public Health to see that some steps are being taken to remedy the evil. I move the resolution.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri).*—I second it.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—Is there any other place to which this can be removed? (Laughter).

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—The resolution seeks for the help of Government in the removal of filthy and insanitary areas in Mattancheri. But the resolution as moved in the House is only an invitation to the Director of Public Health to visit the place. I may assure the Hon'ble Member that both the Director and myself have had a look at this wonderful Eraveli and we have not forgotten it. I do not know whether he extends a further invitation to us to have one more look and be satisfied of its many defects. If so, it is superfluous.

But apart from all that, I would like to point out that the Eraveli Scheme is being considered by Government and the proposals submitted by the Chairman based upon the recommendation of the Town Improvement Committee appointed by the Government are being examined by the Government and the Government have held out an assurance to the Municipality that if on the establishment of the toll and the market the income derived from the toll as well as from the landing dues would be sufficient to repay any loan that will be advanced by the Government—if there is any assurance to that effect from the Municipality, in other words, if the scheme when completed

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would be a profitable one and will bring in just sufficient income for repayment of Government loan—Government would be prepared to grant a loan for bringing Eraveli into a normal bit of ground. The scheme is under consideration. What is needed now is an assurance by the Municipality that the scheme is really profitable and satisfaction to the Government after examination of the scheme that it will bring in sufficient dues in the way of tolls and land dues.

Speaking generally, with respect to general improvement of sanitation in the Town, it must be conceded that it is the primary duty of the Municipality of the place. In fact that is the very object with which the Municipality is constituted there and funds which are taken from the taxpayer should be utilised for making the place habitable. A request to the Government to help them in this matter should only be sparingly made. Government are prepared to advance loans on the assurance of repayment. I hope that assurance will satisfy the Hon'ble Member.

Mr. M. V. Cherian *(Mattancheri, South).*—In view of the assurance given I beg leave of the House to withdraw the resolution.

Resolution was, by leave, withdrawn.

19. Development of Cottage Industries in the State.

* **Mr. C. R. Iyyunni** *(Trichur, South).*—"*This Council recommends to the Government that a committee consisting of officials and non-officials be formed to report on the scope and feasibility of starting industries in the State particularly the cottage industries*".

Sir, the purpose with which I have tabled this resolution is not so much as to start industries off-hand but with a view to impress upon the Government the necessity of spending more money for the development of the country than for improving the means of communication. The tendency of the present day appears to be to spend as much money as possible for developing the means of communication than for developing the country itself. Now that the harbour has come into existence Government seems to be overpowered by the notion that the country must be developed in such a way that the means of communication should be more than the development of the country itself. That means that large sums of money may

* Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.

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